

Budget Index Report

How to Use This Guide to the 2015-2016 Governor's Executive Budget Bills

2015 Assembly Bill 21 and 2015 Senate Bill 21

Introduction: Every budget bill is composed of hundreds of individual bill drafts, each dealing with a particular topic or program and each assigned a four digit LRB number. This Budget Index Report (BIR) guide is designed to help you find topics within AB21/SB21 and, by using the links, connect with the text of the specific budget component draft in which you are interested.

From the Legislative documents page (<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov>), the BIR is under “Bulletin of Proceedings Indices,” “Miscellaneous Budget Documents.” The three BIR components are: *Guide to the Budget Index Report*, *Index Report by Subject*, and *Index Report by LRB Number*.

The *Index Report by Subject* has three columns: Component Subject, Component Topic (a brief description), and LRB No. (draft). There is one line in the table for each draft.

The *Index Report by LRB Number* has five columns: LRB No., Component Subject, Component Topic, Section No. (in the compiled budget), and Statutory Action Phrase (the statute section number). There is one line for each Section No. (a draft can have between 1 and a few hundred section numbers).

Searching: Use the “Search” box at the top of the screen for keyword searches. NOTE: If searching for an LRB number, omit the dash (ex. search for 1187 not –1187). Enclose a phrase in quotes (ex. “higher education”). ALSO NOTE: Abbreviations are sometimes found in this Report, i.e. bus. [business]; util. [utility/utilities]. TIP: “OTS” in the Statutory Action Phrase column stands for “of the statutes.”

If you do not readily locate your topic of interest, go to the *Index Report by Subject* to view all the subject entries.

You can find this same information by opening and searching the pdf Adobe document of the BIR. Look for the .pdf icon in the upper right corner at the beginning of the *Index Report by Subject* (12 pages), and *Index Report by LRB Number* (413 pages). The pdf is also available on the Legislative Reference Bureau’s publications page (<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lrb/pubs/budindex.htm>).

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